

[Translation]

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

**Telephone Connection in Bihar and
Orissa**

(c) if not, the reasons for delay?

5321. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK.
Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be
pleased to refer to the reply given on Decem-
ber 9, 1991 to Unstarred Question No 2938
and state

(a) whether the said information has
since been collected,

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MIN-
ISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V.
RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c). Yes Sir.
Information in respect of Orissa and Bihar
Telecom. Circles as per Statement-I & II
respectively is placed on the Table of the
House.

STATEMENT-I

(A) Number of Telephone Connections Sanctioned/Provided on Priority Basis in Orissa
during the Period

<i>Period</i>	<i>Sanctioned</i>	<i>Provided</i>
1 4 87 to 31.3 88	26	26
1 4 88 to 31 3 89	319	290
1 4 89 to 31 3 90	576	486
1 4 90 to 30 11 91	34	34
Total	905	836

Provision of Remaining 69 Connections is pending as the parties have not so far
Registered their demands

(b) The number of persons on waiting list as on

<i>Period</i>	<i>Total</i>
31.3.1988	6,412
31.3.1989	5,559
31.3.1990	4,744
30.11 1991	6,720

(c) About 30% of the waiting list is likely to be cleared by March 1992 and the rest are likely
to be cleared by the next financial year 1992-93 subject to availability of equipment.

STATEMENT-II

(A) Number of Telephone Connections Sanctioned/Provided on Priority Basis in Bihar during the Period-

<i>Period</i>	<i>Sanctioned</i>	<i>Provided</i>
1.4.87 to 31.3.88	20	20
1.4.88 to 31.3.89	23	23
1.4.89 to 31.3.90	36	36
1.4.90 to 30.11.91	400	400
Total	479	479

(B) The Number of Persons on waiting list as on-

<i>Period</i>	<i>Total</i>
31.3.1988	10,468
31.3.1989	10,067
31.3.1990	12,953
30.11.1991	22,288

(C) About 19,000 Telephone Connections are likely to be provided by March 1992.

[*Translation*]

Reservation Facilities in Air India and Indian Airlines

5322. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA:
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether passengers are experiencing difficulties in getting the reservation in Air India and Indian Airlines on account of heavy rush;

(b) if so, the remedial measures pro-

posed to be taken in this regard; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to increase the number of flights by Air India both within and outside the country?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). There is adequate capacity on domestic as well as international sectors. There could be certain flights at certain times of the year which may be over-booked. Air India is presently not in a position to mount additional flights owing to capacity constraints.